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1. The Flak Kaserne, Leipzig (N 52/E 21) - Heiterblick, was occupied by 200 to 400 troops, mostly recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The officer-to ratio was normal and did not indicate the presence of a headquarters. A few soldiers wearing tank, artillery and motor transport insignia were observed. Four canvas-covered tanks, probably of the JS type, were near the boilerhouse and two other canvas-covered tanks or SP guns with T-34 chassis at a small garage. Four covered tanks, apparently of T-34 type, were on the edge of the drill ground. Motor vehicles were 25X1B observed in the billeting area between 24 August and 6 September 1950. *

2. The eastern section of the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, was not occupied. According to local residents tank troops had been quartered there. The western barracks section was partly occupied by 300 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, signal, motor transport and tank insignia. Motor vehicles 25X1B were seen at the installation. **

3. Six trucks mounting rail-type rocket launchers were seen on a meadow south of Luetschena, northwest of Leipzig, on 2 September 1950. Two officers 25X1B and rocket crews of four to five men were observed with the vehicles. 25X1B Six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia, constructed a telephone line from a point north-west of Luetschena toward the rocket launchers. The soldiers had truck 25X1B A kitchen truck with a steaming field kitchen was parked in the woods behind the rocket launchers. ***

4. The western buildings of the Hindenburg Kaserne were occupied to capacity by about 300 men but the eastern buildings were vacant. Most of the troops wore black-bordered red epaulets without insignia and some wore red-bordered black epaulets, primarily with motor transport insignia. Truck 25X1B and motor vehicles were seen in the billeting area. **

5. The Train Kaserne quartered 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia. Motor vehicles were observed there. **

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6. The MVD Kaserne on Viertelsweg was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Motor vehicles

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Comment.

_____ the installation was occupied by about 800 troops on 10 August 1950. _____ . It is possible

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that some of the tank units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which are stationed there, _____ may have gone to the Koenigs-brueck troop training grounds since early August.

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_____ Comment. The information on the installations does not indicate any change since the last report by the same source. _____

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_____ Comment. The rocket launcher unit observed at Luetschena was a headquarters unit of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. _____

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_____ were repeatedly observed in connection with rocket launchers in Saxony and Thuringia during the summer of 1950. However, there have not been any indications that the headquarters units of a motorized rifle corps include a rocket launcher unit. The unit may have also been a headquarters unit of the Eighth Gds Army. Since the motor vehicle observed at Luetschena was also seen at the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, and since a previous report mentioned a rocket launcher unit as being quartered in that installation, it is believed that the same rocket launcher unit is concerned. _____

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